

04 May 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- April

I. GENERAL

A. Security -- The long-awaited work to improve the exterior security of the bureau's present premises began on 17 April. The walls surrounding the building are being raised and reinforced and steel barrier gates for the driveways are being installed. Concrete planters with reinforced steel centers to protect the most vulnerable side of the building are also planned.

B. Selected bureau employees received a week of safehaven training from a visiting medical technician. Regional Engineer [] in coordination with the medical technician, will provide similar training to additional bureau employees over the coming months.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The security situation in Lebanon continued to deteriorate sharply in April with the outbreak of intense clashes among the various religious and political factions. The building housing the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon, the radio associated with the Independent Nasirite Movement--Al--Murabitun, was reportedly hit during fighting on 16 April between Amal Movement militants and a joint Palestinian-Al-Murabitun force. VOAL has been unheard on all listed frequencies since that date. The last monitored reference to the station was a 19 April report on the Lebanese Forces' clandestine Radio Free Lebanon that the Amal Movement was transporting VOAL's equipment to a location in Bi'r al-'Abd.

2. The clandestine Radio Free Lebanon went off the air on 13 April. The Phalangist Party's Voice of Lebanon reported that RFL would resume transmission "within 48 hours," after a "technical breakdown" in the station's transmitter had been repaired. The radio resumed normal operations on 18 April, apologizing for the break in transmission.

3. Nicosia Bureau's coverage of Cairo radio, Cairo MENA and Paris AFP provided valuable secondary sources of reportage on breaking developments in Sudan following the Sudanese Army's assumption of power on 6 April, particularly during periods when reception of Omdurman domestic service and of Khartoum SUNA precluded effective processing. FBIS' Wire Service made extensive use of the material filed from these sources.

B. Lateral Services -- A new Arab clandestine radio, the Voice of Vengeance and Sacred Hatred, was monitored in progress on 16 April. The bureau sampled the radio's programming for a week and determined, in coordination with MOD, that coverage was unnecessary, as the station's transmissions were limited to the propagation of virulent anti-Semitism. Nevertheless, the radio's broadcasts elicited interest at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, conveyed through LRB, and the bureau provided our embassies in both Rabat and Tunisia with a 2-take report on talks broadcast by this radio that targeted named Jewish individuals.

C. Technical --

1. A line driver was constructed and installed at the Embassy end of the line connecting our intrusion alarm system to the Embassy Marines' Post No. 1, eliminating the false alarms that were being generated periodically.

2. A switching panel was built for the stand-by generator system at Gulf Bureau, and was installed by the regional engineer during his recent TDY.

3. Equipment Received: One Watkins-Johnson VHF receiver, Model 8731A, from Washington.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. One of the bureau's two prospective Arabic monitors being processed in Cairo has now declined to take the position, which leaves us with one in processing in Cairo, and a second candidate being processed in Paris.

2. The placement of advertisements in the local English-language press for the bureau's opening associate editor position attracted over 40 applications. Interviews are scheduled to begin in early May.

3. Bureau Chief [] returned on 28 April from the bureau chiefs' conference in Washington and a week's leave in Paris. STAT

4. Regional Engineer [] spent 10 days TDY in Bahrain 16 April to participate in Gulf Bureau's power upgrade. STAT

5. Safehaven instructor [] departed 5 April. STAT

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT:

Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for April 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	292000
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	94000
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	981

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	10105.00 min.	21420.00 min.	139.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA

Beijing in

Persian to Iran

0

CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in
Arabic

13900

*(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in
English

2300

(Clandestine) Voice of Arab Lebanon in
Arabic

5700

(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in
Arabic

11000

*(Clandestine) Voice of the Sudanese
Popular Revolution in
Arabic

300

CYPRUS

Nicosia Domestic Service in
English

0

Nicosia Domestic Service in
Greek

9600

*Nicosia Apogevmatini in
Greek

800

*Nicosia Birlik in
Turkish

500

Nicosia Cyprus MAIL in
English

1700

Nicosia I ELEVTHEROTIPIA in
Greek

0

Nicosia I ELEVTHEROTIPIA tis
DHEFTERAS in
Greek

0

Nicosia I SIMERINI in		
Greek		700
Nicosia I SIMERINI tis DHEVTERAS in		
Greek		800
Nicosia KHARAVYI in		
Greek		2500
Nicosia KHARAVYI tis DHEVTERAS in		
Greek		0
Nicosia O AGON in		
Greek		1200
Nicosia O AGON tis DHEVTERAS in		
Greek		200
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in		
Greek		400
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS tis DHEVTERAS		
in		
Greek		0
Nicosia PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE		
in		
English		0
Nicosia TA NEA in		
Greek		300
*Nicosia The Cyprus Weekly in		
English		400

EGYPT		
Cairo Domestic Service in		
Arabic	17800	
* (Editorial Report in		
Arabic)	600	
Cairo MENA in		
Arabic		65300
Cairo MENA in		
English		2400

FRANCE		
Paris AFP in		
English		25200

GREECE		
Athens Domestic Service in		
Greek	9800	
Athens AKROPOLIS in		
Greek		0
Athens AKROPOLIS TIS KIRIAKIS in		
Greek		0
Athens ATHENS NEWS in		
English		200

Athens ELEVOTHEROTIPIA in	1800
Greek	
Athens EXORMISI TIS KIRIAKIS in	0
Greek	
Athens I KATHIMERINI in	600
Greek	
Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVOTHEROTIPIA in	0
Greek	
Athens NEA PORIA in	0
Greek	
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in	0
Greek	
Athens TO VIMA TIS KIRIAKIS in	0
Greek	

IRAQ	
Baghdad in	
Persian to Iran	0

LEBANON	
Beirut Domestic Service in	
Arabic	48400
*Beirut Domestic Service in	
English	2200
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in	
Arabic	37100
Ihdin Radio of Free & Unified	
Lebanon in	
Arabic	1400
Beirut AL-NAHAR in	
Arabic	500
Beirut AL-SAFIR in	
Arabic	800
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in	
English	3100

LIBYA	
Tripoli Domestic Service in	
Arabic	2000

TURKEY	
Ankara YANKI in	
Turkish	0
*Istanbul BULVAR in	
Turkish	500
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in	
Turkish	3500

Istanbul DUNYA in	
Turkish	0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in	
Turkish	300
*Istanbul GUNES in	
Turkish	600
Istanbul HURRIYET in	
Turkish	3800
Istanbul MILLIYET in	
Turkish	1600
Istanbul TERCUMAN in	
Turkish	2600
* (Editorial Report in	
Turkish)	1500

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow in	
Greek to Cyprus	0
Moscow in	
Persian to Iran	6100